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SOLON RECEIVES THREATS ON LIFE

Home Is Placed Under Police Surveillance

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — The Philadelphia home of State Rep. Herbert Fineman has been placed under State Police surveiliance in the wake of threats on his life, a spokesman for the Democratic lawmaker disclosed Sunday.

Fineman's press secretary, John P. Cowan, confirmed a report that Fineman, Democratic minority leader in the House, had received numerous threatening letters since he began pushing for a stronger gun control law in Pennsylvania.

Cowan, expressing regret that news of the threats had leaked out, said the state police we notified after an anonymous caller telephoned Fineman's home on Wednesday. The call was taken by Fineman's teenage daughter.

Last Tuesday, Fineman failed in an attempt to win House passage of a gun licensing and registration bill backed by Gov. Raymond P. Shafer. The measure was defeated soundly because of opposition from sportsmen's groups.

Cowan said that when Fineman left for Philadelphia after the legislature recessed early Thursday, he was in the company of a State Police bodyguard.

Fineman was on a vacation outside of the country and unavailable for comment.

State police declined comment.

Cowan said one of the threatening letters received by Fineman was turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation because it made reference to President Johnson.